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January 30, 2012

The Honorable Jerry L. Chang, Chair and Members of the Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Chang and Committee Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 2480

Relating to the Hawaii Community Development Authority

The Department of Planning and Permitting **supports** House Bill No. 2480, which allows the ex-officio members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Kalaeloa community development district, to designate a voting representative if they are unable to attend an Authority meeting.

As one of the ex-officio authority members, there have been occasions when I could not attend meetings. It would have been worthwhile to the Authority and the public to have the benefit of the perspectives of the City and County of Honolulu at these meetings.

May we take this opportunity to ask for further amendments; namely, that the applicable county planning director sit as part of the authority, under Section 206E-3(b) on all matters related to the applicable county. There have been many occasions when the Authority's Kakaako agenda items would have benefited from city input, particularly with respect to infrastructure issues. This will also be important as both the City and State focus attention on Transit-Oriented Development.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

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STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

Monday, January 30, 2012

9:15 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of

H. B. 2480 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Purpose: Permit the Hawaii Community Development Authority's ("HCDA") Kalaeloa Community Development District ex-officio members to designate a representative with voting powers at Authority meetings. BED-05(12)

Position: The HCDA supports the proposal as the amendment will provide the Authority a greater likelihood of achieving quorum for its Authority meetings when it is tasked with making decisions on matters affecting the Kalaeloa Community Development District. Currently, Section 206E-191(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, does not provide specific authorization to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting to designate a person with voting powers to attend an Authority meeting on his or her behalf. The amendment shall afford Kalaeloa ex-officio members the same powers and abilities as the Kakaako Community Development District members.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this administrative proposal.